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CITY APPROVES AIRPORT STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN

Land identified as airport's greatest asset

Medicine Hat – City Council today adopted a Strategic Master Plan for the long-term future of the Medicine Hat Airport.

The plan highlights that the airport is well positioned for the future with its current runway infrastructure and the airport's greatest asset is land with 58 acres available for aviation and compatible non-aviation uses.

"This plan provides long-term strategic direction, allowing the airport to focus on areas that provide the greatest opportunity for development," says Cuyler Green, Airport Superintendent for the City of Medicine Hat (the City).

The Medicine Hat Airport prepared the long-term strategic plan in partnership with the Economic Development Alliance of Southeast Alberta (EDA):

- To effectively and economically plan future airport investments,
- To maximize the use of the airport's land, and
- For the airport to act as an economic driver for the community.

"The City now has enhanced its ability to meet a strong market demand for commercial land," says Harold Wilson, Executive Director for the EDA. "We look forward to assisting with development plans for the property. Working to enhance air service is another priority."

The Strategic Master Plan provides the foundation for more detailed business plans to attract development and business at the airport, and to plan for the needs of future air passenger services. The plan was developed with public and industry input through consultations in May 2005 and a public open house in March 2006.

The Airport Strategic Master Plan is available on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca or at the City Clerk department in City Hall.

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